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BY THE MERCHANTS OWNERS OF SHIPS AND MARINERS, TRADING TO

His MAJESTIES Sugar-Plantations.

It is humbly offered to the Consideration of this Honourable House, That the white Sugar Planters, by an Accompt untruly stated; delivered by them to the Committee of the House of Lords, they doe Assent that unpurged brown Sugars doe produce cleare of Charges to the Merchant above Nineteen shillings and nine pence each hundred weight, whereas it is most true, and is ready to be made appeare by exact Accompts, of the Sale of that sort of Sugars which came from Barbadoes, to the hands of severall Merchants of good Credit the last year, that they doe not produce above Eleven shillings a Hundred, and some not above Ten Shillings; and the Planters themselves in their said Accompt, Rating white Sugars but at Fifty Shillings per Hundred, which is Ten Shillings under their Just and Indifferent value, do make them to produce Thirty nine Shillings per Hundred, which is near four for one; And it is ready to be made appear, that several parcels of white Barbadoes Sugar, have been lately sold at Seventy four and Seventy six Shillings per Hundred by an Eminent white Sugar Planter, at which Price they produce above five to one.

And it is farther humbly Proposed, that if it shall Please this House to reduce the Rate of unpurged Brown Sugar to half a farthing per pound, his Majesty will thereby receive a Greater and more Certain Revenue, then by Imposing one farthing per pound on the said Sugar, forasmuch as at a half farthing per pound, all or the greatest part of the unpurged Sugars, that shall be Imported from his Majesties Plantations will be Refined, and Consumed in this Kingdom, and his Majestie will receive the full Excise thereof, as well as of Whites; when as Paying one farthing per pound the Refiner cannot be encouraged to Manufacture them; and being for noe other use, they must be Exported to Forreign Markets, whereby His Majestie will not onely lose the whole duty of Excise, but also half of the Customs Inwards, which will be Returnable upon the Exportation, and so the Manufacture will be wholly lost to this Kingdom; And Forreign Nations will reape the Sole Benefit thereof.